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**Dear Supervisors:** 

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A FORTHCOMING STANDARD AGREEMENT FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THE CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2011 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014

(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)

(3 Votes)

### **SUBJECT**

Approval to accept a forthcoming Standard Agreement from the California Department of Public Health to support the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program.

# IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- 1. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Public Health (DPH), or his designee, to accept a forthcoming Standard Agreement (SA) from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to support the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014 in an anticipated amount of approximately \$14,414,924 comprised of \$4,795,856 for fiscal year (FY) 2011-12, \$4,802,065 for FY 2012-13, and \$4,817,003 for FY 2013-14, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO).
- 2. Delegate authority to the Director of DPH, or his designee, to accept future awards and/or amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the SA from CDPH that reflect non-material and/or ministerial revisions to the award's terms and conditions; allow for the rollover of unspent funds and/or redirection of funds; and/or provide an increase or decrease in funding up to 25 percent above or below each grant term's annual base amount, subject to review and approval by County

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Counsel, and notification to your Board and the CEO.

## PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow DPH's CLPPP to accept funds and future awards and/or amendments from CDPH to continue to provide primary prevention activities, case management services, surveillance, and environmental investigations of lead poisoning in children that help reduce the incidence of exposure to lead and improve the consequences of exposure to children residing in Los Angeles County.

Primary prevention activities include outreach and education to schools, parents, childcare providers, contractors, hardware stores, and homeowners. The goal of these prevention activities is to provide education about: 1) lead poisoning prevention; 2) lead safe work practices during the remodeling and/or repairing of homes; and 3) updated lead awareness information and legal responsibilities of medical providers to screen children for lead poisoning. The CLPPP will collaborate with cities that have a high incidence of lead poisoned children, community-based organizations, and other health organizations to ensure a high level of lead-poisoning awareness in their communities.

Comprehensive case management services for lead burdened children includes: home visits by public health nurses to assess the child's health and environment, coordination with medical providers, and investigation of the child's environment by registered environmental health specialists to identify potential lead hazards. Additionally, DPH's CLPPP maintains a CDPH surveillance system that includes data collected from the home visits and environmental investigations.

#### Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Goal 4, Health and Mental Health, of the County's Strategic Plan.

#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

DPH anticipates receiving an amount of approximately \$14,414,924 for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014 comprised of \$4,795,856 for FY 2011-12; \$4,802,065 for FY 2012-13; and \$4,817,003 for FY 2013-14 from CDPH. There is no net County cost related to this action.

Funding is included in DPH's FY 2011-12 Proposed Budget and will be requested in future FY's, as necessary.

# FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Since 1994, DPH has accepted CDPH funding to support CLPPP services.

On October 27, 2010, DPH received a CDPH Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch Program Letter notifying DPH of the program funding allocation for childhood lead poisoning prevention for FYs 2011-12, 2012-13, and 2013-14 and requesting an application.

On December 10, 2010, DPH submitted an application to CDPH for funding of DPH's CLPPP for FYs 2011-14 and the application is in review. DPH expects to receive the Standard Agreement by June 30, 2011.

# **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of the recommended actions will allow DPH to accept funds from the CDPH to support CLPPP activities to help reduce exposure to lead and improve the consequences of exposure for children residing in Los Angeles County.

Respectfully submitted,

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